

Church News

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after having served the pastorate here for seven and one-half years. Dr. Wardlaw has received, it is understood, calls to several churches, among them churches in Palatka, Fla., Louisville, Ky., and other States; but has not as yet announced his choice; but will probably do so within the next month, which he will spend with relatives in Virginia.

Steele Creek: The following new elders were, on December 5, inducted into office: I. B. Faires, L. W. Byrum, and H. W. Davis. We now have thirteen elders, all good and true men. November 26 was the annual ingathering for the children of the congregation. With glad hearts they came, from all directions, bringing their missionary cotton, the fruits of their toil for the year 1909. Their efforts resulted in \$148, which goes to the support of the church's missionary in China. Rev. G. P. Stevens. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allen was present and delivered an interesting address to the children. The 150th anniversary of this church will be celebrated next August. The details for this celebration are being arranged by the Session and will be announced later.

W. A. Cleveland.

Davidson: Dr. W. T. Hall, of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, is expected to fill Dr. Richards' pulpit Sunday at both services. Dr. Richards will preach in Mooresville for Mr. Wilson, who in turn will represent Davidson and its claims at Old Fort and Siloam churches at this time. President Smith and Dr. Lingle will be in Asheville to speak and work in the interest of the college this coming week.

Hopewell: A few weeks ago Rev. W. P. M. Currie assisted the pastor, Rev. W. M. Sikes, in a series of services at Hopewell church, Wilmington Presbytery, during which two persons made profession of faith in Christ and united with the church. One of them was an elderly man, the head of a family, and a descendant of Rev. Robert Tate, the founder of the church. Mr. Currie preached the saving truth of the gospel in a simple, straightforward, and effective manner, and great good has been accomplished in the upbuilding of the Christian life of the people. This is an historic old church, having been organized in May, 1800, by a commission of Orange Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Robert Tate and Rev. Samuel Stanford. More recently, the pastor conducted a week's meeting at Keith church, in the same group, at the close of which seven persons were received into full membership in the church. Three of these were received from the Sunday school on profession of their faith in Christ, and the other four were received on their own statement as previously having been members of distant churches of other denominations. A good live Sunday school at Keith has told for good in this meeting. Our people are greatly encouraged at this point. This

is another one of the churches founded by Rev. Robert Tate, and was organized in 1817 by order of Fayetteville Presbytery, which had been cut off from Orange in 1812. Thus it will be seen that we are building on an old established Presbyterian foundation. And it may be said with gratitude to God that the superstructure is going up with a good degree of progress.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Richburg: Rev. S. R. Hope, formerly missionary to Japan, was installed as pastor on the second Sunday of November, Rev. Messrs. Fraser, Drennan, and Dendy taking part in the service.

Anderson: In the Central Church, Rev. BBunyan McLeod, pastor, a meeting was recently held, closing November 28, in which Mr. McLeod had the help of the well known Indian evangelist, Rev. Frank H. Wright. Twelve members were received into the Central Church. Fifty-eight members have been received in the past twelve months.

Enoree Presbytery: At an adjourned meeting of Enoree Presbytery, held in Clinton, S. C., December 10, 1909, the following business was transacted: The Rev. J. B. Branch was received from Concord Presbytery; the time for the stated meeting was changed from April 13th to April 5, 1910; another adjourned meeting was ordered to be held in the pastor's study of the First Church of Spartanburg on January 5, 1910, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Robert Adams, S. C.

Chesterfield Mission: Ruby Church had a delightful week of preaching from Rev. A. H. McArn, of Cheraw. He presented the truths of the Gospel with a charm and beauty that held the attention, and gained the hearts of his hearers. A young man and lady joined by profession of faith.

Our White Oak Chapel also had a sacramental service, Brother Bailey, of Timmons ville, promised to be with me, but sickness at his home prevented him. I did the preaching myself; the congregations were good; two young persons joined by profession of faith. The Old White Oak church building is undergoing repairs and being painted and new windows put in. We hope to open it by the last of this month.

James Russell.

TENNESSEE.

Columbia: The First Church has secured the services of Rev. Dr. J. O. Reavis as pulpit supply for a few weeks this month.

Johnson City: The First Church has given a most hearty and unanimous call to Rev. Dr. T. M. Hunter, of Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Hunter's decision in the matter has not yet been made known.

Memphis: The pastor-elect of the First Church, Rev. Chester H. Williamson, of Waukesha, Wis., has accepted the call of the church and will enter upon his work the latter part of this month.

TEXAS.

Mt. Pleasant: In time for Thanksgiving the ladies of this church installed water-works in the manse, and the men equipped it with electric lights and provided for the cost of the light service. About the same time an extra offering of forty dollars was made for the Home and School for Orphans at Files' Valley. A Westminster League has just been organized with good prospects for doing good.

Austin: As a result of the recent Thacker meetings fifteen members have been received into the Highland Church, Rev. S. E. Chandler pastor, ten on profession and five by letter. During the meetings some thirty profession cards were signed, nineteen "dead letter" members brought out.

El Paso: In agreeing, at his earnest solicitation, to concur with its pastor, Rev. H. R. McFayden, in an application to the Presbytery for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, the Westminster Church has adopted resolutions of sincere appreciation of his work and assurance of its affection and loving prayers.

Hillsboro: The recent visit of Rev. L. C. Vass, of the Congo Mission, and his lecture were features of special interest in the life of this church. New light is given by this faithful missionary of the cross, and the benighted quarter where he has worked will be more than ever on the hearts of the people who have been favored with his lectures.

THE EAST DALLAS CHURCH.

At a congregational meeting held in the East Dallas Presbyterian church at the close of the morning service Sunday, December 5, 1909, the following resolutions were offered by Elder W. L. Logan and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Dr. Jas. L. Bell, has received a call to a professorship in Austin Theological Seminary, and has requested us to join with him in his request to Presbytery to dissolve the relationship between himself and this church; and while we had hoped that he would see his way clear to decline the call and remain with us where his labors have been so acceptable and so signally blessed; and while, even though we do not see the guiding hand of Providence in the matter as clearly as he does, yet we know that he believes that he has been guided in this section by the Holy Spirit and from a firm conviction of duty; therefore, under these circumstances, we deem it our duty to accede to his request in the matter and we hereby join him in his request to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship; and in this connection we desire to point with pardonable pride to what God in his Providence has allowed us to accomplish during the four and one-half years of our organization under his leadership. And we further desire to bear testimony to the faithful way in which he has declared unto us the whole counsel of God; and to say that as a pastor he has ever been faithful and true to his charge; that his Godly life, walk and conversation, have ever been an inspiration to us, to attain unto the highest ideals of Christian living. We would further say to him that we will al